

HD Reach Social Worker—Charlotte Area

Founded in 2009, HD Reach is a local, “boots on the ground” nonprofit working to improve the care and quality of life of those affected by Huntington’s disease in North Carolina. We provide connections to local services, care management, family support, and education, including information about HD, streamlined access to quality providers, crisis intervention services, case management, timely diagnosis and disability approval, family education and support, attention to the behavioral and psychiatric symptoms of HD, and guidance through the long term and hospice care process. Our vision is to aid ALL PEOPLE with Huntington’s disease and their families, and ultimately to bring their suffering to an end. The opportunity to make a difference for HD families energizes our efforts because we know that the rewards will be great.

Position Description:	The HD Reach Social Worker is primarily responsible for managing a caseload of HD clients (Huntington’s disease patients, family members, caregivers) residing in a specific region of North Carolina. Clients require assistance with a wide range of issues including disease symptoms, access to care, need for accurate information, and social support. The social worker will build a community support system for HD families through support group facilitation, community resource identification, and collaboration with medical and community providers. This is a work-from-home position located in Charlotte, to focus on developing our network and services in that area.
Full or Part-Time:	Part-Time (20 Hours)
Status:	Non-Exempt
Reports to:	Executive Director
Duties and Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage a caseload of clients, including HD patients, family members, and caregivers. • Meet individually either by phone, in person, or by teleconference with clients to conduct bio/psycho/social assessments and create individualized plans, including interventions that will enhance client quality of life, coping skills, and engagement in healthcare. • Provide crisis management when necessary with support from the client’s providers and the medical director. • Plan, facilitate, and handle the administrative duties of a monthly regional support group. • Develop a robust resource network within an assigned region. • Work collaboratively with other HD Reach staff, HD medical experts, Centers of Excellence staff, providers in the community, and partner organizations. If applicable, participate in HD clinics. Provide advocacy on behalf of clients when needed. • Maintain client information including demographics, assessments, case notes, referrals, client and provider communications, in accordance with HD Reach documentation procedures.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain confidentiality according to professional standards and HD Reach policies and procedures while interacting with support group members, patients, clients, families, outside professionals, and institutions. • Participate in quality improvement efforts, attend staff meetings and complete in-service trainings.
Skills and Experience Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years of experience providing mental health services and social work. • Ability to build rapport with clients from all walks of life and backgrounds while setting appropriate therapeutic boundaries. • Ability to conduct mental health and healthcare needs assessments and identify barriers to care; upon completion of the assessment, ability to consult with medical providers, other agency staff, and community resources as needed to assist the client. • Willingness to continue to learn about new programs and to educate other HD Reach staff about programs. • Experience in the care of patients with neurologic, genetic, or neuropsychiatric disease preferred. • Knowledge of motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, and/or group therapeutic techniques preferred. • Knowledge of federal, state, and local programs available to assist people with disabilities, health and mental health needs, low or no income, and other client barriers preferred.
Education:	Master's degree or higher in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology, or related field.
Licensure:	LCSW or LPC required.

HD Reach provides the following benefits to employees:

- Paid vacation (2 weeks, pro-rated for partial first year)
- Eight (8) paid holidays
- Personal Leave (5 days, pro-rated for partial first year).
- Bereavement Leave
- Malpractice Insurance
- Computer, HD Reach phone, and printer
- Travel expenses

To apply, submit a resume, cover letter (including target hourly rate), and 3 professional references to Jobs@HDReach.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.